

## INITIATIVE 669

I, Ralph Munro, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 669 to the People is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

1        *AN ACT Relating to prohibiting special rights for homosexuals;*  
2        *adding new sections to chapter 49.60 RCW; creating new sections; and*  
3        *declaring an emergency.*

4                BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5        NEW SECTION.    Sec. 1.

6        THE EQUAL RIGHTS, NOT SPECIAL RIGHTS ACT.    This act shall be known  
7        and cited as the Equal Rights, Not Special Rights Act.

8        NEW SECTION.    Sec. 2.    *A new section is added to chapter 49.60 RCW*  
9        *to read as follows:*

10        PROTECTING CITIZEN'S CONSTITUTIONAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS.    Neither the  
11        state of Washington, nor its political subdivisions, shall deny any  
12        right expressly guaranteed by the Constitution of the state of  
13        Washington or the Constitution of these United States of America.

14        Persons who commit acts of violence against the person or property  
15        of others should be prosecuted and appropriately punished in order to  
16        protect law-abiding citizens and to ensure the guarantee of equal  
17        justice for all.

18        NEW SECTION.    Sec. 3.    *A new section is added to chapter 49.60 RCW*  
19        *to read as follows:*

1       ENSURING EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW. The people find that equal  
2 protection of the law, not special rights, is a fundamental principle  
3 of constitutional government and is essential to the well-being and  
4 perpetuation of a free society.

5       The people further find that there is a legitimate and compelling  
6 state interest in ensuring equal protection of the law for all citizens  
7 and in preventing special rights based on any homosexual, bisexual,  
8 transsexual, or transvestite status, preference, orientation, conduct,  
9 act, practice, or relationship.

10       The people further find that there is a legitimate and compelling  
11 state interest in ensuring that the rights of parents to control the  
12 education of their children and that the sincerely held values and  
13 beliefs of citizens regarding homosexuality, bisexuality,  
14 transsexuality, or transvestism are not denigrated or denied by the  
15 public schools and that homosexuality, bisexuality, transsexuality, or  
16 transvestism are not presented, promoted, or approved as positive,  
17 healthy, or appropriate behavior.

18       The people further find that "the duty of all teachers" as required  
19 in RCW 28A.405.030 "to endeavor to impress on the minds of their pupils  
20 the principles of morality, truth, justice, temperance, humanity and  
21 patriotism" and "to teach them to avoid idleness, profanity and  
22 falsehood" is an indispensable prerequisite for providing a sound  
23 education, maintaining a virtuous and ethical society, and guaranteeing  
24 the rights of all citizens.

25       NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. *A new section is added to chapter 49.60 RCW*  
26 *to read as follows:*

27       PROHIBITING SPECIAL RIGHTS FOR HOMOSEXUALS. Neither the state of  
28 Washington, nor its political subdivisions, including counties, cities,  
29 towns, and school districts, shall by any means or instrumentality,  
30 enact or enforce a policy whereby any homosexual, bisexual,  
31 transsexual, or transvestite status, preference, orientation, conduct,  
32 act, practice, or relationship shall be a basis for a person to  
33 maintain any special classification or privilege; minority status;  
34 quota preference; affirmative action right; legal standing; public  
35 benefit; marital, spousal, parental, familial, or domestic privilege,  
36 advantage, entitlement, benefit, position, or status; claim of  
37 discrimination; or special right or protection.

1       A school, through any employee, volunteer, guest, or other means or  
2 instrumentality, shall not present, promote, or approve homosexuality,  
3 bisexuality, transsexuality, or transvestism, or any such conduct, act,  
4 practice, or relationship, as a positive, healthy, or appropriate  
5 behavior or lifestyle. As used in this section, "school" means any  
6 common school of the state of Washington.

7       NEW SECTION. Sec. 5.

8       CONSTRUCTION CLAUSE. The provisions of this act are to be  
9 liberally construed to effectuate the policies and purposes of this  
10 act. In the event of conflict between this act and any other provision  
11 of law, the provisions of this act shall govern.

12       NEW SECTION. Sec. 6.

13       SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this act or its  
14 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
15 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
16 persons or circumstances is not affected.

17       NEW SECTION. Sec. 7.

18       EMERGENCY CLAUSE. This act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, morals, or safety, or support  
20 of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall  
21 take effect immediately.